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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/30/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/23/02
BRO-FRY	118,248	156,087
LT HENS	1,334	1,812
HVY HENS	1,041	1,591

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 23-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	233	4	237
LAST WEEK	266	11	277
SAME WK YR AGO	393	11	404
TO DATE 2002	14,137	290	14,427
TO DATE 2001	19,305	290	19,595

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,896	1,560	3,456
LAST WEEK	1,707	1,534	3,241
SAME WK YR AGO	1,567	942	2,509
TO DATE 2002	96,037	67,208	163,245
TO DATE 2001	102,563	65,025	167,588

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 23-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	149,717 (A)	1,663	1,556	3,219
AVG WT	5.16	3.71	7.96	5.76
LAST WEEK	154,140	1,441	1,523	2,964
SAME WEEK YR AGO	113,595	1,174	931	2,105
AVG WT	4.98	3.41	7.71	5.31
TO-DATE/2002	7,303,467	81,900	66,918	148,818
TO-DATE/2001	7,206,169	83,258	64,735	147,993

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 151.5 million head or 5.3 million head more than or 104% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING November 09, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	26,158	26,610	46,014
AVG WEIGHT	3.72	4.74	6.25
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	27%	47%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	24,191	27,712	41,331
AVG WEIGHT	3.74	4.77	6.23
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	24%	44%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	30,024	21,873	40,044
AVG WEIGHT	3.86	4.73	6.21
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	24%	44%
TO DATE/2002	1,182,305	1,034,637	1,904,371
TO DATE/2001	1,434,137	1,267,925	1,999,621

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Nov-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,045	3,336	38	65	5,484
AVG WT	15.63	34.26	25.75	23.87	27.18
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,392	3,240	64	43	5,739
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,131	1,669	28	2	2,830
AVG WT	15.59	35.35	24.17	24.95	27.33
TO-DATE/2002	88,188	130,867	2,557	574	222,186
TO-DATE/2001	95,103	130,010	2,136	538	227,787

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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